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The latest styles of fly-front jackets, full-width skirts—elegant material in stylish shades.

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Figured Sicilian Skirts, full width and absolutely perfect in fit and hang.

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All-wool and well made. You cannot get better anywhere for 75c.

39c

Men's All-wool Pants.

A magnificent assortment of all-wool cloth in the newest patterns.

\$1.95

Men's Worsted Pants.

Fine striped Worsted Trowsers, in the favorite shades—perfectly tailored.

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Derby and Fedora in all the latest black and most fashionable shades—black, tan, brown, pearl, etc.

\$1.25

Men's Cheviot Suits.

—In blue and black—the cut and tailoring equal to the best.

\$3.50

Men's Cassimere Suits.

Very dressy goods, that look well and will wear excellently.

\$8.50

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NO MESSAGE FROM DEWEY

War Plans Are Determined at the Cabinet Meeting Today.

THE QUESTION OF HAWAII

Secretary Long Says That He Has Received Only Unofficial Dispatches From the Far East—Expects No News Till Cable Communication Is Restored.

"No news from Commodore Dewey," was the statement made by each of the cabinet officers this afternoon as they filed out of the cabinet room.

Secretary Gage, of the Treasury, and Attorney General Griggs were the absentees. Mr. Gage has gone to Ithaca, N. Y., where he is to deliver an address before the students of Cornell University. Gen. Griggs is spending a few days at his home in New Jersey.

The plans which are to be followed during the operations of the next week by the Army and Navy of the United States were discussed at the meeting, but of course nothing was given out concerning them.

The matter of the annexation of Hawaii also was discussed, but no conclusion was reached.

Secretary Long said to a Times reporter that he had had nothing from the East save some unofficial dispatches.

"When do you expect to hear in an official way from Commodore Dewey?" was asked.

"Not until the cable is renewed," was the response.

There was a number of visitors at the Executive Mansion before the cabinet meeting today.

Senator Mason of Illinois was the first of the callers. His errand was one of inquiry, and he remained but a few minutes. Mr. McKinley told him that Secretary Long probably would receive the first information from Commodore Dewey as to the result of Manila's battle.

Senator Mason said to a reporter that he had received a number of telegrams since yesterday afternoon from constituents who have relatives and friends in the Asiatic Squadron and who naturally are greatly worried regarding their probable fate.

Two Texas congressmen, Messrs. Bailey and Slayden, followed Senator Mason. Then Senator Fairbanks of Indiana was ushered into the Executive presence. He wanted to know just when Indiana's

GERMANY NEUTRAL

Emperor Declares His Government Will Act Up to Its Duties.

Berlin, May 6.—The emperor in his speech from the throne on the closing of the last session of the Reichstag today expressed pride that he had been able to place the German fleet upon a firm and permanent basis. The financial situation of the empire, he said, was especially favorable.

The government, the emperor declared, would fully act up to its duties in the matter of the observance of neutrality in the Hispano-American affair, but would protect German commerce and navigation from any possible injury.

Troops Not to Go to Cuba Until Next Week.

Tampa, Fla., May 6.—Troops will not be transported until early next week. The landing place in Cuba has been selected and is said to be within forty-eight hours from here by steamer.

There are no docks at the point of landing and stock will swim ashore. Soldiers will be taken to the landing in small boats. All transports are taking on water this morning.

Big Blast in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, May 6.—At an early hour last night several brick buildings occupied by the Mannes Shoe Manufacturing Company and the World Company were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

Dressed galleons, fancy heads, 25 each. Very latest designs and best quality.

ANOTHER BIG PRIZE

The French Steamer Lafayette Captured Off Havana.

TRIED TO RUN BLOCKADE

Loaded With Munitions of War for Spain.

BROUGHT INTO KEY WEST

French Captain Made a Big Bluff With His French Flag, But It Would Not Go—The Vessel Boarded by a Prize Crew From the Gunboat Annapolis—Ship and Cargo Forfeited to America.

New York, May 6.—A dispatch to the Evening Journal from Key West says the French transatlantic liner Lafayette, from Havre and Santander, for Vera Cruz, has been captured while trying to enter Havana with contraband of war.

She first appeared off Havana yesterday. She was warned against any attempt to enter that port, and advised to come to Key West or proceed to Mexico.

Her captain protested that he had made aboard, but finally continued his voyage, presumably for Vera Cruz.

About midnight, however, the ship made a second effort to run the blockade, and was captured.

The Lafayette was captured by the gunboat Annapolis, according to later reports which reached here this morning.

The steamer had 161 Spaniards aboard, including twelve officers. Arms and ammunition for Blanco in quantities were in the ship's cargo. A prize crew was put aboard and the steamer started for Key West.

The Lafayette is one of the fleet of the Campagne Generale Transatlantique. She is of 3,394 tons burden. Her hull is of iron, and she has twin screws.

The Lafayette's port of registry is St. Nazaire, France. She is 324 feet long. Capt. Severin is her master.

Brought to Key West.

Key West, May 6.—The French steamer Lafayette, was brought into Key West this morning by the gunboat Wilmington. She has an enormous cargo of provisions, ammunitions and guns for the Spanish army and other contraband of war. The French captain when captured set up a vigorous protest and tried to bluff the Americans with his French flag, but to no avail. She was brought to this port pending instructions from Washington.

When shown the Key West dispatch, stating that the French liner Lafayette had been captured by the Annapolis while attempting to run the blockade at Havana, State Department officials said that she had destroyed her neutral rights by attempting to sneak into the harbor after having been warned away. From the wording of the dispatch they think that the case against the vessel is very strong, as she will have to take her chances at the admiralty court.

France Expected to Protest.

It is suggested at the State Department that if the report of the capture of the Lafayette is true it may be the most important capture since the outbreak of the war, and may even assume an international significance.

Many official people are of the opinion that France, more than any other European country, is inclined to friendliness for Spain, and to regard the attitude of the United States with disfavor.

France may very possibly make a vigorous protest against the seizure of the Lafayette, and perhaps even go further than that in resenting it.

"France has been waiting for just this opportunity," a naval officer said this afternoon to a reporter for The Times.

Baltimore Merchant Dead.

Baltimore, May 6.—Mr. Lytleton B. Purnell died last night at his home, "Woodland," South Walbrook. He was for many years one of Baltimore's most prominent business men and a leader in the development of the large wholesale dry goods trade of the city.

Mr. Purnell was born at Snow Hill, Worcester County, Md., December 1, 1827. When a boy he came to Baltimore and entered the employ of Hamilton Bros. as clerk. About four years ago Mr. Purnell suffered a stroke of paralysis and withdrew from the active business interests of the city and at the time of his death was a director of the Manufacturers' National Bank and of the Ashland Manufacturing Company.

Salmon Wounded Near Mainland.

Wilmington, Del., May 6.—William Riggs, of Camden, N. J., formerly of Wilmington, while here yesterday said he had just received a letter from his brother, Harvey Riggs, formerly of Lewes, a sailor on the cruiser of New York, stating that after the bombardment of Metanas Ridge and another shot or had gone out in a yawl and were fired on by Spaniards. Riggs was wounded in the right shoulder and his companion was shot in the arm. Both were painfully hurt.

Small orders command our attention as readily as large ones. Phone 428.

RUSHING TO BATTLE.

Sampson's Fleet Passes the Eastern Shore of Cuba.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 6.—Four American warships have been seen off Porto De Banes, at the eastern end of Cuba. The ships are probably part of Admiral Sampson's fleet, and are thought to be on their way to Porto Rico.

FAST TRAIN WRECKED.

Pennsylvania Limited in Collision With a Freight.

Trenton, N. J., May 6.—The Pennsylvania Limited ran into a freight train at South Bristol, Pa. The limited was badly shaken up. The engineer and fireman of the freight were killed and the tracks torn up.

AN ENGLISH STORY.

Reported That Sampson Will Attack the Canaries.

London, May 6.—A story published here asserts that the Washington Government has advised the British government to remove its subjects from the Canary Islands.

The conclusion drawn from this is that Admiral Sampson is on his way to capture those islands, and secure a base from which to operate against Spain.

EVERYTHING IN READINESS

Equipment Complete for Our Volunteer Regiment.

NOW AWAITING A CAMP SITE

Entire Membership of the District National Guard Will Be Given an Opportunity to Enlist, and in the Cases of Rejected Applicants Outsiders Will Have a Chance.

Major Henry D. Parmenter, quartermaster general of the District National Guard, explained today to a Times reporter that all preparations have been made for the equipment of a regiment of volunteers from the District of Columbia.

"The volunteer organization will furnish its own tents and equipments from the National Guard outfit with which to go to camp. There is sufficient clothing and other necessities among the Guard to equip the volunteer troops, and no requisition for other articles will likely be made until after the men are in camp. I have completed all arrangements for the immediate transportation of the camp outfit to whatever place is selected. My provisions have been made in anticipation of a regiment, but of course should only a battalion be selected then I will have to make other arrangements."

Major Parmenter was at his office in the War Department when interviewed. He stated that he had not been informed where the camp would be, but understood that the soldiers' home would not be the place. Speaking of Fort Washington, he said it was an excellent place and not too far from the city in case of emergency. With reference to Fort Myer he said that preparations are being made for the recruitment of a large force of volunteer troops in this city. Their encampment would not mean their concentration at Fort Myer, but very likely the organization would be scattered throughout the country just around the fort. It was highly probable, he thought, that the District volunteers would form a nucleus of the entire force, and be assigned to camp somewhere beyond the fort. It was also suggested among War Department officials that the District troops might be sent to camp near Suitland, Md., or in the vicinity of Overlook Inn.

It is thought that nearly the entire membership of the Guard will be given a chance to volunteer, as there will likely be several rejections by the mustering officers. As the Regular Army examination is much more rigid than that for the militia, it is believed that fully one-fourth of those volunteering will be rejected. In that event room will be found for additional volunteers.

In Secretary Alger's office this morning it was learned that the order to Colonel Harries will be issued tomorrow morning, thus giving ample notice to the soldier boys of the place where they will encamp. The proposed changes in the officers of the regiment are being discussed everywhere in the city, and it is said now to include the possible withdrawal of Lieutenant-Colonel Heyl, who expects a commission on the staff of Major General Screven, who is understood to be a close friend of Colonel Heyl. This might mean the advancement of both Colonel M. Emmet Urell and Colonel O'Brien, who have been slated for inferior positions in the regiment.

Capt. Charles S. Dwyer, of the National Artillery, has had considerable success in recruiting volunteers from his company. He stated last night that he will be able to take fully seventy-eight men in the field as the Artillery's representation. The Artillery Rifles under Capt. Hodges and Lieut. Mock is also recruited up to its full strength. Last night it secured several members from the Washington Light Infantry and also a number from the Light Battery.

The majority of the members of the battery have affiliated with the senior company, which it was announced, would be under Capt. O'Brien, but should he be promoted it is likely a new captain will be made by giving the senior company to Major Simmons.

Priest Killed by the Cars.

Baltimore, May 6.—Joseph O'Dwyer, believed to be a Catholic priest, an inmate of Mt. Hope Reformatory, was struck by passenger train No. 22 of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad at Union Station last evening, and received injuries from which he died at the City Hospital shortly afterward.

He came to Baltimore yesterday morning to attend to some business, and was on his way back to Mt. Hope. He was crossing the track at the station to board a Western Maryland Railroad train, when the other train, coming from Washington, struck him. The man's left leg was crushed off near the shoulder, his right leg and thigh terribly crushed, but still hanging to the body, and his right wrist badly mangled.

Physian's Business College, 8th and K. \$5—Summer Course; Day or Night—\$5.

The Weather—Libby & Co. say—Clear and colder tonight.

DISPATCH FROM WILDMAN

Our Consul at Hong Kong Cables the State Department.

PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP

Wealthy Spanish Citizens of Manila Swear Allegiance to America—The Consul Does Not Mention Dewey's Fleet and Apparently Has No Late News From the Philippines.

The State Department this morning received a dispatch from Consul Wildman, at Hong Kong, the first word received from him since the battle at Manila. The dispatch reads:

"Cortes, Rosario, Dononga, Bana, wealthiest families, tender allegiance, petition citizenship."

As Consul Wildman does not mention the bombardment of Manila it is believed at the State Department that he has received no news from Dewey's squadron. The wealthy families mentioned in the dispatch are thought to be among those who fled to Hong Kong from Manila before the United States warships arrived there.

AMERICAN SHIPPING.

The Government May Insure Merchant Vessels.

The bill introduced in the House by Representative McCall of Massachusetts yesterday, relating to ocean commerce during the war, contemplates that the Government shall insure American vessels and cargoes.

The House Judiciary Committee will carefully consider the bill with the view of making an early report.

Mr. McCall says that the destruction of American commerce during the civil war inflicted a blow from which the United States has never recovered.

It drove our commerce to the vessels of other nations and it has never been recovered. He thinks it would be better for the Government to insure vessels and cargoes, and pay the losses, rather than permit such a loss as was entailed by the civil war. One part of the project is that the President should issue a proclamation naming certain seas as dangerous, and such waters would be avoided by American ships.

The commissioner of navigation would value American ships and cargoes, and in the event of their loss because of the war the Government would indemnify the owners.

SPANISH LIES EXPOSED.

Abundant Claims Sent Out by the Madrid Government.

London, May 6.—Dispatches from Madrid show that the government is trying to make capital out of the absence of news from Commodore Dewey.

The latest yarn they spin is that Dewey is shut up in the bay, the Spanish having a dozen gunboats outside the exits, thus preventing the departure of the fleet or dispatch boats.

The Star published the report, which it is claimed originated from an official Spanish source. The report explains that Admiral Montijo, the day before the battle between the Spanish and American fleets, had the gunboats concealed behind different headlines along the coast of the island of Luzon and other islands of the Philippine archipelago.

The boats are old, but they are capable of blockading the entrance of the bay. Commodore Dewey may have bombarded the gunboats, the report says, but his dispatch boat could not have lived, and it must have been sunk, captured or turned back.

BRAVE TALKING SPANIARD.

General Rivera Says Dewey Will Never Capture Manila.

Madrid, May 6.—Gen. Primo de Rivera, late captain general of the Philippines, who has arrived at Port Said, on his way to Madrid, has telegraphed the following message here:

"The Americans may destroy the undefended towns and villages along the coast of the Philippines, but capture Manila, never. Oh, that for the glory of Spain they may attempt it."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Treasury Clerk Shoots Himself and Jumps Overboard.

Thomas T. Lynde, a clerk in the Auditor's Office of the Treasury Department, made two attempts to end his life this morning. He is now held at the Fourth precinct police station on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Lynde is forty-five years old and lives at No. 124 K Street northwest. He went to the Long Bridge this morning and pulling a pistol from his pocket, placed it at his head, and attempted to discharge it. The weapon failed to go off and then Lynde jumped into the river.

Several men on the bridge saw the would-be suicide and plunged in after him. They succeeded in rescuing him and upon the arrival of a policeman he was taken in custody and sent to the station. There he gave the name of John Arrington and said he was a clerk living on Albenmar Street in Baltimore. He later acknowledged that his name was Lynde and said his reason for trying to kill himself was because he had been on a spree.

Cargo of Fish Captured.

Key West, Fla., May 6.—A small two-masted schooner, the Oreinte, was brought in as a prize this morning, captured off the east coast of Cuba by the Helena. She has a cargo of dried fish and was thirty-five days out from Yucatan.

The Burnt Cork Club.

Next Tuesday the Burnt Cork Club will give a performance at Odd Fellows' Hall northwest, for the benefit of the Daughters of America. They will introduce for the first time a recently-acquired illustrating machine, which cost \$400. The Daughters of America is a national organization.

High Class Macintoshes 25 Per Cent Off at Joseph Auerbach's, 325 Pa. Ave.

Money refunded and no questions asked if purchases aren't entirely satisfactory.

BOMBARDED AND BURNED

Manila Shelled by Commodore Dewey and Set on Fire.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED

The News Comes by Way of Shanghai, and Is Semi-Officially Confirmed at the Navy Department—The Details Are Expected Hourly.

London, May 6.—A dispatch from Shanghai asserts that Commodore Dewey, after crushing the Spanish fleet and reducing Cavite, bombarded Manila, which was soon on fire.

Great loss of life is reported.

The Navy Department here received indirect information through an official source in London, by the way of Hong Kong that Commodore Dewey has bombarded Manila and taken the city.

The information is further that the city was largely destroyed by fire and that there was great loss of life owing to the quick spread of the conflagration in the wooden houses of the town.

This statement is made on the authority of a high official who heard it directly from Secretary Long himself and its authenticity cannot be questioned. The people in the Navy Department, however, refused to make any statement with regard to the information, except that nothing directly from Commodore Dewey has been received.

The supposition is that the information comes by way of the British consul at Manila and that it must soon be followed by a report from Commodore Dewey himself and by full press dispatches, as it cannot be supposed that only one person would avail himself of the opportunity to transmit the news.

The Navy Department people are expecting their report hourly and it will be given to the public as soon as received, with the exception, probably, of parts relating to Commodore Dewey's plans of campaign and future operations.

The Cable Not Working.

A report that cable communication with Manila had been restored caused most intense excitement at the departments. Officials and clerks deserted their desks in order to get the first word. As time passed on and no message came, fears were expressed that the report might prove another canard.

However, it is possible that the Spanish still have control of the cable, and the first telegrams will go to Madrid. Confidence is expressed that if Dewey had control he would report immediately.

Nevertheless, it is pointed out that the cable landing is 130 miles from Manila, and should Dewey be in possession of the city the Spanish may still have control of the cable.

The excitement at the White House and departments over the notification that the cable to Manila had been repaired was short lived, as by 1:30 p. m. the Associated Press, which had brought the news, that the communication with Manila had been restored, sent out a "correction" to the effect that the first news was erroneous, and communication with Manila is still suspended.

ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.

The Newlands Resolution Will Prevail.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs will vote at 12 o'clock next Tuesday on the Newlands joint resolution for the annexation of Hawaii. There is not the slightest doubt of the adoption of the resolution and of its favorable report to the House. While no direct vote has yet been taken on the proposition the expressions of the members of the committee demonstrate that most of them are for annexation.

Of the fifteen members of the committee only Messrs. Williams of Mississippi and Clark of Missouri have declared against the resolution. They are uncompromisingly hostile to annexation.

All the Republican members, Messrs. Hitt, Adams, Quigg, Cousins, Smith of Michigan, Heatwole, Pearson, Gillett and Henry of Indiana, will vote for the joint resolution. Of the Democrats, Messrs. Dismore, Berry and Howard will support it, as will Mr. Newlands, Populist, of Nevada.

SPAIN'S CAPE VERDE FLEET.

The Government Refuses to Answer Questions as to Whereabouts.

Madrid, May 6.—In the chamber of deputies Senor Romero Robledo asked the government to state whether the Cape Verde fleet had already arrived at the Antilles or had been ordered to return to the Canary Islands. He also asked whether the government had any plan of conducting the war. Was the government, he asked, sending its forces to points where the enemy was waiting to meet them, or was it prolonging the war, which action, he said, would probably save Spain.

Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, refused to reply to the questions regarding the Cape Verde fleet.

The report that the Spanish Cape Verde fleet had reached the Canaries is believed in Washington to have been a Spanish canard. The fleet, it is thought, here, must now be in the vicinity of the Barbadoes, where they will try and intercept the Oregon.

THE TEMERARIO SAILS.

Spanish Torpedo Boat Takes Northern Course From Buenos Ayres.

Dispatches from Buenos Ayres report the sailing of the Spanish destroyer Temerario from Port La Plata today. She sailed in a northerly direction.

THE REVENUE MEASURE.

Democrats Agree to Their Amendments.

There are no indications of the Finance Committee getting together. The Democrats this morning agreed to their proposed amendment, taxing the gross receipts of corporations, but reduced the tax from 2 to 1 per cent. It has not been formally submitted. Several amendments to the stamp tax provision have been made by the Republicans, tending to change certain classifications and clear up ambiguities that exist in that part of the bill.

Much opposition has been manifested against the proposed reposition of the old tax against retail dealers in cigars and tobacco.

A Schooner Brought In.

Key West, May 6.—The schooner Antonio Suarez, which was captured April 30, off Anclote by the Uncon, Lieut. Barnard, was towed into this port last night. She carried a crew of twelve men, members of the Spanish navy reserve and a cargo of fish.

Italian Rioters Killed.

Rome, May 6.—A serious bread riot has occurred at Sesto, near Florence. The troops fired a volley into the rioters, killing four and wounding a large number.

Army Engineers.